



## Feb 2024

Dear Pathfinders and Parents,

This letter is to provide information for our upcoming camp to Killalea.

Arrive at Castle Hill SDA church by 4:00pm on Friday afternoon, 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. We should be back around 5:30pm on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> Feb. Parents, please keep an eye on your email and Facebook over the weekend and we will update you on any events and ETA to church on Sunday.

There are toilets and showers at the campsite. The general plan for the camp is doing games, classwork and Fair practice at the campsite, and going swimming at the Killalea beach (or other beach if Killalea is not suitable on the day). All meals are planned to be had at the campsite. We are not planning on having a fire. Pathfinders will need a day pack to carry everything they need for being at the beach for a few hours – towel / water / sunscreen / hat / jacket / snacks. A pool noodle or floatation device and mask and snorkel can be brought if desired.

Transport - We will be transporting all the children via cars. Your child will be allocated to a car to travel in. We will group friends together as much as possible.

Cost – The cost for the camp will be \$35 per person.

Camp Forms – Please go to our website <https://castlehillpathfinder.club> and complete the Registration for camp.

Please make sure that your Pathfinder is aware of the Camp Contract on the website and the information that he/she is agreeing to by signing it. If items are bought to the camp that have been banned, these items will be confiscated for the weekend. Remember all Electronics bought to camp will be locked in a car for the weekend and handed back to the Pathfinder at the church.

RSVP: We need to finalise numbers a week prior to the camp so please pay your camp fees and complete your forms no later than **Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024**.

Bring: Please consult the Hiking Checklist for what to bring (even though we are not hiking you will need most of the items on this list) – it's on the website <https://castlehillpathfinder.club>

- You must bring a packed dinner on Friday night to eat as we drive in the cars. You will not have time to cook a meal when you arrive at camp. You can, however, have a snack after tents are put up and everything is unpacked.
- Juniors and Intermediates will be sleeping 2-4 per tent, with separate boys and girls tents. We will be using the Club's base camp tents, so you do not need to supply a tent. Leaders will allocate 'tent buddies', which will be different for each camp. This means that you may be with some new friends this camp, but it will change for next camp.

Seniors will be sleeping under the tarp, supervised by male and female leaders. Tents for changing are provided.

- Camping t-shirts – as this is a public campsite, there will be other groups from the public camping alongside our group. Pathfinders must wear their ‘camping shirts’ (not the polo) so that we can easily identify them. A Pathfinder hat (labelled of course!) is also a great asset.
- The children will need to supply all their needs for the weekend. Please refer to the Hiking Checklist for items that are needed - Food / cooker / billy / utensils / water bottle / first aid kit / clothes including something warm / hat / day pack / sleeping mat / sleeping bag / toiletries / sunscreen, insect repellent and medication / camp chair / towels and swimmers / torch and spare batteries, pool noodle or floatation device and snorkeling gear if they want etc
- Please remember to limit the lollies to just a few. The children do not need multiple packets of lollies for the weekend. Good, healthy, nutritious food is best.
- Please pack everything in ONE soft duffle-style bag. Each Pathfinder will need to carry and manage his/her own gear for the weekend. One duffle-style bag should hold all items except food and a camping chair. It is best if things are in a bag and not attached or tied onto the bag. Please ensure that everything is labelled.

*Special request: if you have a beach shade shelter, such as a CoolCabana type one, would we be able to borrow it for the weekend? Please let us know if you do.*



Checklist.

As this is a base camp, you may find it easier to pack all food / cooker in a Coles “blue cooler bag” or similar. Please label it with the child’s name. All cooking is done outside the tent as a group, whilst sitting on your camping seats. We will have rubbish bins at this camp. There are washing up facilities at the campsite, and fresh water to fill up water bottles. Start practicing now with your Pathfinder on how to use their cooker and cook their food for the weekend. A sample menu is on the last page of the Hiking

Thank you for your continued commitment to Castle Hill Pathfinders. As always, if you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Rachel, Stephen, or myself. Remember, if you are buying new gear for this camp – think “light and warm” as you will need to carry it a lot further on a hike.

Kind regards,

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